

EXHIBIT

A

BILL OF SALE

EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC., an Ohio cororation hereinafter referred to as "Seller," 580 Walnut Street, P. O. Box 779, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201,

For good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency of which Seller hereby acknowledges,

Has sold and hereby SELLS, GRANTS, TRANSFERS, ASSIGNS, and sets over to INSPIRATION DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, P. O. Box 28, Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto, Ontario M5K 1B8, Canada,

All of Seller's right, title, and interest in and to all of Seller's records of exploration in the Illinois-Wisconsin Zinc-Lead Area, consisting of drillhole logs, sample logs, geologic maps, assays, assay maps, and mine maps, together with Seller's exclusive rights of access to drill-hole logs and maps in the custody of the Wisconsin and Illinois authorities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Seller has caused this Bill of Sale to be executed by its duly authorized officer this _____ day of January, 1981.

Seller EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.

Jefferson W. Hudson,

a Variation of the 17th

David W. Matthews Assistant Secretary

Attast.

RELEASE AND SURRENDER OF MINING LEASE

Under the provisions of paragraph twelve of a Hining
Lease dated May 23 , 1974 , from James
Kieffer and Audrey Kieffer, his wife
Lessors, to EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC., an Ohio corporation, Less
For itself, its successors and assigns, EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC. hereby releases and surrenders to Lessors, their respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, all of its right, title and interest in and under said Mining Lease, which covered the following described real estate, located in <u>JoDaviess</u> County, State of <u>Illinois</u> :
A tract of land upon which there is erected a four room frame house, said tract of land described as follows: That the following described part of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 4-T.27N-Ribeginning on the Blackjack Road at a point North of the intersection of the Blackjack and Pilot Knob Road, thence in an easterly direction a straight line a distance of 235 feet to a point, thence is a southwesterly direction on an angle 350 feet to a point 62 feet exof the public road, thence in a westerly direction on a straight line 62 feet to a point on the Blackjack Road, thence in a souther direction along the Blackjack Road a distance of 294 feet to the place of beginning containing 43,560 square feet more or less.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, by its duly authorized officer EAGLE- PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC. has executed this Release and Surrender of
Mining Lease this 3rd day of March, 19 76.
Attest: David W. Matthews Assistant Secretary EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC. By Office State State Secretary Group Vice President
ACKNOWLEDGMENT
State of Ohio : : SS. Hamilton County :
Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, on this 3rd day of March 1976, personally appeared David W. Matthews and Jefferson W. Hudson, known to me to be Group Vice President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC., an Ohio corporation and after being duly sworn, each acknowledged that he signed the foregoing document as his free and voluntary act and deed and as the free and voluntary act and deed and as the free and voluntary act and deed of that corporation, and said Assistant Secretary further acknowledged that he also affixed that corporation's seal as his free and voluntary act and deed and the free and voluntary act and deed of that corporation. In witness whereof I have hereunto signed and sealed this document on the date last above written.
JUDY GRAY Rudy Gray

JUDY GRAY
Notary Public, Hamilton Caurity, Ohlo
My Commission Expires June 25, 1980

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EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES, INC.

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C. O. DALE, VICE PRESIDENT

June 18, 1973

EAGLE-PICHER INDUSTRIES. INC. 800 American Building Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Attention: Mr. Walter A. Suhre, Jr.

General Counsel

Dear Walt:

The decision has been made and concurred in/by Bill Atterberry that we should sell a tract of land in northern Illinois and another in Kentucky. I was asked to send the descriptions of these parcels to you so that the Board of Directors could pass a resolution on them at the August meeting.

The parcel in northern Illinois is known as the Heer property. We jointly with Mr. & Mrs. Ed Miles purchased this property in 1969 from a Mr. Heer for the purpose of mining. In the following years, Eagle-Picher mined the land thru what was known as the Heer or Grey mine. The property was mined to completion in 1972. During the time that we held the property with Miles, a portion of it was sold to a Kenneth R. Rich for \$12,000.00-We are now proposing to sell our remaining interest in the property to our joint owners Mr. & Mrs. Miles. The price they agree to pay is the same as we originally paid for our 1/2 interest - \$22,500.00. They plan to break the acreage up and sell it off in small lots. We are desireous of selling our interest because there is some liability due to mine workings and tailings on the surface. The description of this property is as follows:

The West Haif of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 27 North, Range ! East of the 4th Principal Meridian, excepting a strip of land 16 feet in width along the north side of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said section (about 1/2 acre).

The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section 9. Township 27 North, Range 1 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, excepting about 3.1 acres described as follows:

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- 1. All that part of the above described real estate lying within 50 feet on the northerly side and within 50 feet on the southerly side of the center line of the Minnesota and Northwestern Railroad (now Chicago Great Western Railway) as the same is now located and staked out across said real estate.
- 2. All the rest, residue and balance of the tract of land lying in the southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9 lying southwesterly of said strip of right of way above described.
- 3. Part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9 commencing 8.95 chains West of the quarter quarter corner on the east side of said East Half and running thence South, variation 7° east, 2.20 chains, thence south 89° West 3.78 chains, thence North 10° west 2.55 chains, thence North $89^{\frac{1}{2}{\circ}}$ east 4.22 chains, thence south 28 links to the place of beginning, containing 1 acre more or less, including the 1/2 acre heretofore deeded as school lot for School District No. 2, Book of Deeds 35, page 444,
- 4. A strip of land 16 feet in width along the north side of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9 extending eastward from the Savanna Road (about .375 acres) Book of Deeds 37, page 32, March 9, 1872.
- 5. That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9 commencing at a point 36 rods due West of southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9, thence due west 200 feet, thence North 0° east 259.5 feet, thence south 37° 30'east 327.5 feet to the point of beginning (containing .6 acres, more or less,)

The North thirty acres of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 27 North, Range 1 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, excepting therefrom approximately ten acres located west of Small Pox Creek, containing twenty acres, more or less.

The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 27 North, Range 1 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, excepting a one acre strip running the full width of said quarter on the south line sold for a private road, 39 acres.

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 27 North, Range 1 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, lying on the west side of the Galena and Hanover Road, containing in all about 12 acres.

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All of the above described tracts together containing in all 226 acres, more or less, and all subject to the public highways as now located, and all subjects to the easement granted to the Interstate Transmission Company by Instruments recorded in Book 1 of Misc. Record page 556 and 557 of Recorder's Office of Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 27 North, Range 1 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, containing 40 acres of land, more or less.

Also, a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4 in Township 27 North, Range 1 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, bounded as follows: Commencing at 120 feet north of the Southeast corner of said quarter quarter section and running thence South 120 feet, thence west 99 feet, thence north $82\frac{1}{2}$ feet, thence in a straight line to the place of beginning.

All of the foregoing lands are located in Rice Township, Jo Daviess County, State of Illinois.

All of the above excepting the following parcel:

Beginning at the East Quarter Corner of Section 9, thence West along the Quarter Section Line to the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9, thence North along the Quarter Quarter Line Six Hundred (600) feet, thence East parallel to the East-West Quarter Line a distance of Twelve Hundred and Sixty (1260) feet to the intersection of the center line of the Blackjack Road, thence South Six Hundred (600) feet to the point of beginning, containing 17.36 acres, more or less; but excepting therefrom approximately 1.5 acres in the Southwest Corner of said Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter, being Fifty (50) feet on either side of the center line of the Chicago Great Western Railroad as presently staked and located and previously deeded to said Railroad Company or its predecessor; and also excepting all the rest, residue and balance of the tract of land located in the Southwest Corner of said Southeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter and lying Southwesterly of said Railroad Right-of-Way above described.

Also a small triangular tract in Southwest Corner of Northwest Quarter of Section 10, better described as follows:

Beginning at West Quarter corner Section 10; thence North along Section line 600 feet to intersection of centerline of Blackjack Road; thence Southeasterly along said centerline to East-West Quarter line, thence West along Quarter Section line to point of beginning, said tract containing 2.07 acres, more or less.

All of the above and foregoing property is subject to public highways as now located and all subject to the easement granted to the Interstate Transmission Company by instruments recorded in Book 1 of Misc. Records, page 556 and 557 of Recorder's Office of Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

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All of the above described real estate being situated in the Township of Rice, County of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois.

The parcel in Kentucky is what is known as our Hutson mine, which property we purchased from Aluminum Co. of America. It is now mined out and we think of no further value to Eagle-Picher except for what we can sell it for. We think there is also considerable liability here due to underground workings and surface tailings piles subject to wash out, etc. Our purchase from Alcoa included fee title of some 90 acres and also some 252 more acres of mineral rights only. We propose to sell only the fee land keeping the mineral rights that we do not have surface ownership on. We do not have a buyer as yet, but hope to get about a hundred dollars an acre for it.

The description of the fee land is as follows:

BEGINNING at a white oak, corner to lands now or formerly of William M. Jennings and Randol Dobson, running N 58 W 44 poles to three birches and on the bank of Sandy Creek; thence down the Creek with the meanders thereof S 70 W 12.5 poles to the upper end of the old mill race; thence with the meanders of same S 73 W 16 poles, N 75 W 10 poles, N 58 W 8 poles, N 52-30 W 10 poles, N 72 W 7 poles, S 76 W 9 poles, to an elm with two sweet gums, a double black oak and birch witnesses where said race runs into the creek; thence N 40 W 77 poles to a stone on the South side of the Salem and Green Ferry road; thence S 80 W 4.75 poles to a stone on the North side of said road in line of land now or formerly of H. W. Pierce; thence with said line S 1-45 W, passing a black gum corner to land now or formerly of H. W. and J. A. Pierce at 18 poles, running in all 116.5 poles to a black walnut stump, said J. A. Pierce's corner; thence his line S 55 E crossing the creek at 27 poles and passing a stone corner at 77.75 poles, running in all 101 poles to a stone corner to said J. A. Pierce, thence with his line again N 46 E 36.25 poles to a black gum, corner to said Pierce and land now or formerly of Mary Gordon; thence with line of lands now or formerly of said Gordon and Randol Pierce N 37-30 E 85 poles to the beginning; containing eightynine and one-half $(89-\frac{1}{2})$ acres by survey, more or less, according to the deed by which Aluminum Ore Company, a prior grantor, acquired title but found by subsequent survey to contain 90.64 acres, more or less.

There is EXCEPTED however from the tract above described so much of the surface thereof as is contained within the bounds of a certain tract conveyed by Alcoa Mining Company to the Commonwealth of Kentucky by deed

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dated October 13, 1952, and recorded in Deed Book 81, page 29, records of Livingston County, Kentucky, described as follows:

BEGINNING at Corner No. 16, a concrete monument on the Hutson Mine Property; thence along a property line S 35° 32¹ E 73.29 feet to point "D"; thence leaving the property line, 77.17 feet on an arc of a circular curve to the right to point "E"; radius of curve 1175.90 feet. The chord bearing and distance is S 36° 11¹ W, 77.15 feet; thence S 51° 57¹ E 20.00 feet to point "F"; thence 54.95 feet on an arc of a circular curve to the right to point "A" on the western property line; radius of curve 1195.90 feet. The chord bearing and distance is S 39° 22¹ W, 54.93 feet; thence along the western property line N 7° 07¹ E 178.08 feet to Corner No. 16, the point of beginning; containing 0.097 acres more or less.

If there is anything further you need on this, let me know.

Very truly yours,

C. O. Dale

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I also enclose herewith maps and lescriptions of the Two properties.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS JO DAVIESS COUNTY	} an instrument	Number 11 7743
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THIS	INDEMTURE,	made and	entered	into th	ie <u>30th</u>	day o	December	<u></u> ,
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First Parties, hereinafter referred to as "Lessors" (whether one or more), and THE EAGLE-PICHER COMPANY, an Ohio corporation, licensed to do business in the States of Wisconsin and Illinois, with offices at Galena, Illinois, Second Party, hereinafter referred to as "Lessee";

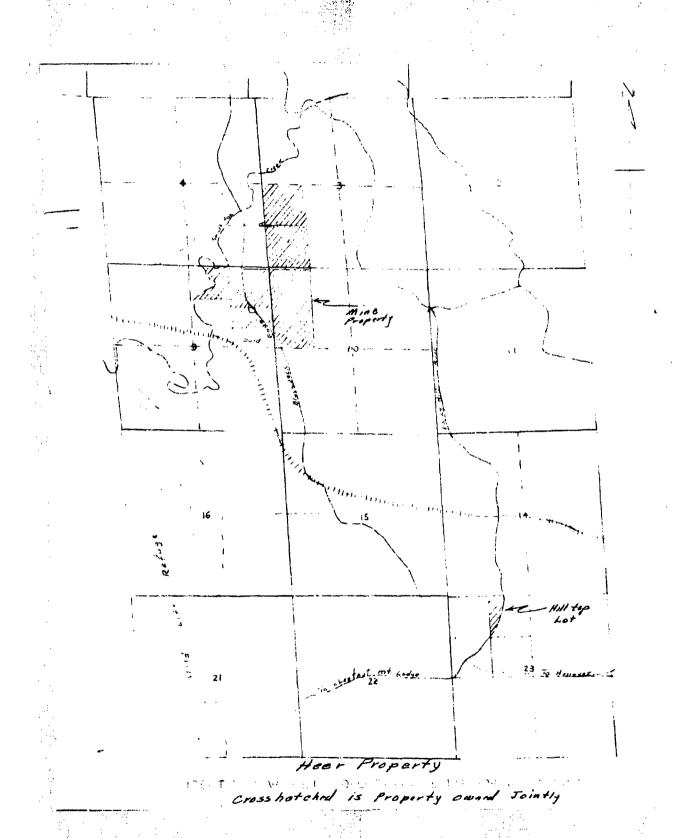
WITHESSETH:

All the covenants and obligations hereof to be kept and performed on the part of Lessors shall be deemed to be both joint and several as to such Lessors, except that any written notices or demands to be made by Lessors shall be signed by a majority in interest of all Lessors.

The West Half (Wg) of the Northwest Quarter (NWg) of Section Ten (10). Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range One (1) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, excepting a strip of land Sixteen (16) feet in width along the North side of the Northwest Quarter (NM+) of the Northwest Quarter (NM+) about one-half (1/2) acres; the Southeast Quarter (SE+) of the Marsharet (NM+) about one-half (1/2) acres; the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section Nine (9) Township, and Range aforesaid, excepting about two and one-helf ($2\frac{1}{4}$) acres, described as follows: All that part of above described real estate lying within Fifty (50) feet on the Northerly side and within Fifty (50) feet on the Southerly side of the center-line of:ewid:MinnesettsDand:No Will RETRIP (Now/Chricurgo Great Wastern Railway) as the same is now located and staked out across said real estate, also all the rest, residue and balance of the tract of land lying in the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter (SEL) of the Northeast Quarter (NEL) of Section Nine (9) lying Southwesterly of said strip of right of way, also excepting as follows: Part of the East Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section Nine (9), commencing Eight and 95/100 (8.95) chains West of Quarter Quarter corner on the East side of said East Helf (Ex) and running thence South variation Seven (7) degrees East two and 20/100 (2.20) chains, thence South Eightynine (89) degrees West Three and 78/100 (.378) chains, thence North Ten (10) degrees West Two and 55/100 (2.55) chains, thence North Eighty-nine and one-heif (89½).

degrees East Four and 22/100 (4.22) chains, thence South Twenty-eight (28) links to the place of beginning, containing One (1) acre more or less, including the One-half (1/2) acre heretofore deeded as School lot for said District No. 2 Book of Deeds 35 page 444. Also excepting a strip of land Sixteen (16) feet in width along the North side of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) extending eastward from the old Savanna Road, about Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousands (.375) acres, Book of Deeds 37 page 32, March 9, 1872. Part of the West Half (W_2^1) of the Northeast Quarter (NE_R^2) of Section Nine (9) Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range One (1) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, same being a strip of equal and uniform width through the North part of said tract containing a strip of equal and uniform width through the North part of said tract containing about Thirty (30) acres, excepting, however, therefrom about Ten (10) acres, more or less on the Right Bank of Smell Pox Creek, containing about Twenty (20) acres, the Northwest Quarter (NM $\frac{1}{6}$) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{6}$) of Section Three (3) Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range One (1) East of the Fourth Principal Maridian, excepting One (1) acre strip running full width of Quarter on South line sold off for private road, Thirty-nine (39) acres. That part of the Northwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{6}$) of the Northwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{6}$) of the Northwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{6}$) of Section Twenty-three (23) Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range One (1) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, lying on the West side of the Galena and Hanover Road, containing in all about Twelve (12) acres. All tracts together containing in all Two Hundred Twenty-six and 625/100 (226.625) acres, more or less.

Also, the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Three (3) Township Twenty-seven (27) North Range One (1) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, containing Forty acres of land more or less. Also a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Four in Township Twenty seven, North Range One East of the 4th Principal Heridian bounded as follows: Commencing at One Hundred Twenty feet North of the Southeast corner of said quarter quarter Section and running from thence South, One Hundred Twenty feet, thence West Ninety-nine feet; thence North Eight-two and a half feet; thence in a direct line to the place of beginning, and being in Rice Township, Jo Daviess County, 'linois.



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The Grantors, Edwin H. Miles and Dorothy Miles, his wife, of the City of Galena, in the County of Jo Daviess and State of Illinois, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc., an undivided one-half interest in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

The West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 27 North, Range 1 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, excepting a strip of land 16 feet in width along the north side of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said section (about 1/2 acre).

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All of the foregoing lands are located in Rice Township, Jo Daviess County, State of Illinois.

hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State.

Dated this 28th day of July ,A. D. 1969.

dwin H. Miles (SEAL)

Dorothy Miles (SEAL

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